

# NC Academic Standards Review Commission

## ELA Teacher Survey

Dear Participant,

If you have previously responded to the ELA survey of the NC Academic Standards Review Commission, thank you and please disregard this invitation. If you have not, please continue to read the following:

The North Carolina Academic Standards Review Commission has been charged with conducting a comprehensive review of all English Language Arts and Mathematics standards as part of the Common Core State Standards that were adopted by the North Carolina State Board of Education. In order to gather this information, the Commission is requesting your participation in this survey on the present ELA standards. This brief survey is intended to help the ASRC make recommendations for possible changes to the NC State Board of Education.

### **1. What grade do you teach?**

- ☐ ( ) K-3
- ☐ ( ) 4-5
- ☐ ( ) 6-8
- ☐ ( ) 9-12
- ☐ ( ) ELA Curriculum Coach/ Instructional Facilitator

### **2. How many years of experience do you have?**

- ☐ ( ) 1-3
- ☐ ( ) 4-6
- ☐ ( ) 7-9
- ☐ ( ) 10-12
- ☐ ( ) 12-15
- ☐ ( ) 15 or more

### **3. I have appropriate preparation to teach the ELA standards for my grade level.**

- ☐ ( ) strongly agree
- ☐ ( ) agree
- ☐ ( ) no opinion
- ☐ ( ) disagree
- ☐ ( ) strongly disagree
- ☐ ( ) Other:

### **4. I have appropriate support to teach the ELA standards for my grade level.**

- ☐ ( ) strongly agree

- ☐ agree
- ☐ no opinion
- ☐ strongly disagree
- ☐ disagree
- ☐ Other:

**5. The NC ELA standards do not limit my autonomy/ flexibility as a teacher.**

- ☐ strongly agree
- ☐ agree
- ☐ no opinion
- ☐ disagree
- ☐ strongly disagree

**6. The majority of students who entered my class this year needed remediation.**

- ☐ strongly agree
- ☐ agree
- ☐ no opinion
- ☐ disagree
- ☐ strongly disagree

**7. The ELA standards adequately address the teaching of writing/composition skills.**

- ☐ strongly agree
- ☐ agree
- ☐ no opinion
- ☐ disagree
- ☐ strongly disagree

**8. It is easy to understand and interpret the ELA standards.**

- ☐ strongly agree
- ☐ agree
- ☐ no opinion
- ☐ disagree
- ☐ strongly disagree

**9. It is easy for me to translate the ELA standards into instruction.**

- ☐ strongly agree
- ☐ agree
- ☐ no opinion
- ☐ disagree
- ☐ strongly disagree

**10. Which of the following are concerns that you have with the present ELA standards? Please check all that apply.**

- ☐ Developmental appropriateness for grade level
- ☐ Sequence/ Progression of standards
- ☐ Lack of clarity with the way some standards are written
- ☐ Multiple tasks that may be imbedded in one standard
- ☐ Covering all the standards required by the end of the year
- ☐ Emphasis on non-fiction/informational text in the ELA classroom
- ☐ None of these are concerns for me
- ☐ Other:

**11. Which of the following "instructional shifts" or features of the CCSS for ELA do you believe should continue to be a priority for NC students? Please check all that apply.**

- ☐ Emphasis on text-based evidence
- ☐ Emphasis on non-fiction/informational texts
- ☐ Focus on academic vocabulary
- ☐ Emphasis on incorporating media/technology
- ☐ Emphasis on text complexity/rich texts
- ☐ Other:

**12. Which of the following situations may have impacted your ability to implement the present NC ELA standards with fidelity? Please check all that apply.**

- ☐ Lack of textbooks/instructional materials aligned with standards.
- ☐ Students arriving to class with learning gaps since standards were applied to all grade levels the same year (i.e., not phased in)
- ☐ Amount of class time /days in school year to cover all standards adequately
- ☐ Adequate time for professional development
- ☐ None of these situations apply to me
- ☐ Other:

**13. Which of the following would help you to implement the NC ELA standards with fidelity? Please check all that apply.**

- ☐ Professional development
- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Textbooks
- ☐ Personnel
- ☐ Other:

**14. Handwriting is part of my instructional routine.**

- ☐ strongly agree

- ☐ agree
- ☐ no opinion
- ☐ disagree
- ☐ strongly disagree
- ☐ does not apply to my grade level
- ☐ Other:

**15. Teaching cursive handwriting is important in the curriculum.**

- ☐ strongly agree
- ☐ agree
- ☐ no opinion
- ☐ strongly disagree
- ☐ disagree
- ☐ Other:

**16. Of the standards that you are required to teach, which is the standard that you would like to see dropped or substantially revised for your grade level? Please identify the standard clearly. (Example: RI.K.6)**

**17. Why do you find this standard to be problematic?**

**18. Of the standards that you are required to teach, what is a standard that you feel is critically important to your students? Please identify the standard clearly. (Example: RI.K.6)**

**19. Why do you think that it is important for students to master this standard?**

**20. Was there a standard or skill dropped in the transition to CCSS that you feel should be reinstated? Please explain why the standard or skill was beneficial to students.**

**21. I would like to see the Academic Standards Review Commission recommend teacher-suggested changes to the ELA standards to the NC legislature.**

- ☐ strongly agree
  - ☐ agree
  - ☐ no opinion
  - ☐ disagree
  - ☐ strongly disagree
  - ☐ Other:
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